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The Mount Carmel Congregational Church
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From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Friends and Members,

This will be my final letter to you all...It has been a strange and difficult two years. This has not been like any interim I have ever done.; some of you I have only met on the telephone!! Others, we have spent weeks sitting in the parking lot with the Craft Ladies; laughing and shopping at the Tag Sales; and meeting on Zoom for our Wednesday night Bible Study. We have worshipped in the Sanctuary, in the Hall, and we have even worshipped outside in the grove. We have played drums and worshiped together in so many new ways! I want to thank our wonderful staff for helping keep things together. Aren has been with us now for almost a year and has done a wonderful job! Lynda has reinvented our choir into a wonderful Bell Choir and assisted me greatly in our Advent and Lenten Taizé services. Deb Wooley has volunteered so much time in keeping our Faith Formation program going. Ellen has kept us financially afloat in many ways, applying for grants and keeping our books straight! In addition, Tom Duffy and Leon Fital have helped us Zoom and stream the good news every Sunday! Blessings to you all.

Recently, I joined the Covid Club, testing positive after our trip to Hawaii (which was beautiful). I know many of you have also been down with this illness as well. I found myself praying more than usual and being so grateful for health. I do feel sad to leave you before a settled pastor arrives, but I promised my family that I would only stay for two years. You have a great search committee and I pray every day a candidate will be called soon...

Please commit yourselves to supporting the new pastor with your attendance, your gifts, and your prayers. The future of this church is at stake; your church needs you now more than ever! My last Sunday is July 31st. God be with you and remember when the praises go up, the blessings come down.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Olivia Robinson

JUNE/JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please join every Sunday at 10am in the Church for service! Note: Weekly scripture readings are subject to change.

<p>June 26th, 2022 <i>Third Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scriptures: 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5: 13-25 Sermon: “The Fruits of the Spirit” Rev. Olivia Robinson</p>	<p>July 3rd, 2022 Holy Communion <i>Fourth Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scriptures: 2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 Sermon: “Independence and Interdependence” -Rev. Olivia Robinson</p>																		
<p>July 10th, 2022 <i>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scriptures: Psalm 25: 1-10 Luke 10: 25-37 Sermon: “Who Is My Neighbor?” Rev. Olivia Robinson</p>	<p>July 17th, 2022 <i>Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scriptures: Genesis 18: 1-10 Psalm 15 Luke 10: 38-42 Sermon: “Word and Work” Rev. Olivia Robinson</p>																		
<p>July 24th, 2022 <i>Seventh Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scriptures: Psalm 138 Luke 11: 1-3 Sermon: “The Power of Prayer” Rev. Olivia Robinson</p>	<p>July 31st, 2022 Reverend Olivia’s Last Sunday! <i>Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scriptures: Hosea 11: 1-11 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 Luke 12: 13-21 Sermon: “Soul Investment” Rev. Olivia Robinson</p>																		
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS</u> <i>Happy Birthday Wishes Go to the Following:</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td style="width: 70%;">Richard Diehl</td><td>June 2nd</td></tr> <tr><td>Vera DeAngelo</td><td>June 5th</td></tr> <tr><td>Natalie Amato</td><td>June 10th</td></tr> <tr><td>Thomas Duffy</td><td>June 17th</td></tr> <tr><td>Sally Jaynes</td><td>June 23rd</td></tr> <tr><td>Valerie Duffy</td><td>June 27th</td></tr> <tr><td>David Jurkiewicz</td><td>July 1st</td></tr> <tr><td>Kevin P. Delaney</td><td>July 1st</td></tr> <tr><td>Sara Kroon</td><td>July 7th</td></tr> </table>	Richard Diehl	June 2 nd	Vera DeAngelo	June 5 th	Natalie Amato	June 10 th	Thomas Duffy	June 17 th	Sally Jaynes	June 23 rd	Valerie Duffy	June 27 th	David Jurkiewicz	July 1 st	Kevin P. Delaney	July 1 st	Sara Kroon	July 7 th	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Protocols for In-Person Worship</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Masks have been made optional for the months of June and July. You can find our updated protocols on in-person worship by visiting our website at https://mccucc.tiny.us/covid. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <p>← If you would like to add your name to our birthday list, please contact our office.</p>
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SAVE THE DATE: JULY 31st POTLUCK SEND-OFF

Please join us Sunday, July 31st, as we celebrate Olivia's interim ministry with us and wish her well in her future endeavors! If you would like to bring an item to share, please contact Aren in the office. For any other inquiries, please contact Bev Jurkiewicz or Debbie Wooley.

-MCCC Staff

FINANCIAL REPORT: APRIL 2022

Following is the financial report for April 2022. If you have any questions, Ellen can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com.

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$6,316.00
	Other Income:	\$1,637.00
	Total Income:	\$7,953.00
Expenses:	Total Expenses:	\$13,865.00
Net Loss:		- \$5,912.00

FINANCIAL REPORT: MAY 2022

Following is the financial report for May 2022. If you have any questions, Ellen can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com.

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$4,809.00
	Other Income:	\$2,800.00
	Investment Income	\$1,000.00
	Total Income:	\$8,609.00
Expenses:	Total Expenses:	\$12,029.00
Net Loss:		- \$3,220.00

Outreach

ARK Banks: Keep the ARKs floating!!! Bring in your filled bank, drop in offering plate, pick up new one in narthex.

-Debbie Wooley

Tag Sale - Update

The Spring Tag/Craft Sale, held on Saturday May 14th, netted the Church \$780.00. Thank you to all who contributed in any way!

Sincerely,
Vera DeAngelo & Sally Jaynes

A Message from Sandee Martin

I would like to thank my church family for your heartfelt love, prayers and expressions of sympathy for the loss of my dear sweet mother, Irene Martin. We were blessed to have her with us for 97 years. My mother lived surrounded by simple pleasures. She began each day in prayer and a grateful heart. She loved the Lord, her family and lived a faithful life. She left a beautiful legacy for her family, friends and others who were blessed to know her. Thank you so much.

-Sandee Martin

GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS

Ushers. We need your help! We are currently looking for Ushers – no experience necessary! Please see Dave or Bev Jurkiewicz, or Debbie Wooley, for more information!

Joys and Concerns. If you wish to have a joy or concern announced during worship, please forward to them to Aren at office@mccucc.com or call the church office at (203) 248-7408.

Pastoral Visits. If you are planning on having a procedure done at one of the local hospitals, please let Reverend Olivia know so that she can plan a pastoral visit. Hospitals no longer call local churches with information about their patients. The church depends on others letting us know, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

Committee Openings. Looking to get involved? There are several Committee Openings for Deacons (2 openings), Faith Formation (3 openings), and Music (3 openings)! If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the office and Aren will put you in touch with the committee chair!

Church and Hall Cleaning. We are looking for more volunteers to help with cleaning the church and parish hall. For more information, please contact Noelle Ioime by phone at (203) 605-7171 or by email at noelle_i@hotmail.com.

Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour volunteers are needed for the months of July and August. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact the office directly or use the signup sheet now located at the entrance of the Parish House.

Altar Flowers. Altar flowers are needed for the months of July and August. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact the office directly or use the signup sheet now located at the entrance of the Parish House.

Parish Hall Rentals. If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting out our parish hall to host a meeting, service, or a small private event, please feel free to visit our website for scheduling, rates, and conditions.

Rhyme Puzzles

Lydia

Work each of the rhyme puzzles below, using the new words you find to fill the blanks in the paragraph.

I'm a letter and also a drink	1	You see me in PLAIN not in NAIL	2
Not in KNIT but find me in THINK	_____	I'm in TRAIL, but never in TAIL	_____
I'm before Z in the alphabet	_____	I'm not in RAT, but see me in RATE	_____
You'll find me in SEAT, not in SET	_____	First in the alphabet, I appear in ATE	_____
In the alphabet I come after S	_____	I'm once in CAT and twice in CATCH	_____
I sound like EYE. Can you guess?	_____	I'm once in CHAT and twice in HATCH	_____
Say M N O P Q and	_____		
You see me in LAP and also in CAR	_____		

See me in TABLE but not in LATE	3	See me in BOOTH but not in BOOT	4
I'm not in PELT, just in PLATE	_____	I'm once in HOT and twice in HOOT	_____
I appear in SPIN, but not in SIN	_____	Find me in DUEL but never in LED	_____
You find me in PINT, not in PIN	_____	Twice in SLEDS, just once in SLED	_____
I'm not in RAP, but see me in PAIR	_____	Twice in SPEED and once in SPED	_____
I'm in RAZED but not in DARE	_____		
I'm twice in WEED, once in DEW	_____		
See me in WEND but not in NEW	_____		

A woman named Lydia lived in the city of (1)_____.

She heard Paul (2)_____ and learned

that Jesus was her Savior. She was (3)_____ and

so were all the people of her (4)_____.

Paul's First Missionary Trip

Paul and his missionary team traveled from city to city in the great Roman Empire. Everywhere they went, they told about Jesus. When a group of people in a city became Christians, the missionaries started a small church in the city before going on to a new city. Later, the missionaries would return to the city to help the young church and teach the Christians. Paul made several long trips through the Roman Empire to tell about Jesus. The Bible tells about many exciting adventures the missionaries had as they traveled from city to city.

Write the answer to each of the questions about Paul's first missionary trip in the squares after the question. The Bible verses will help you. Then take the letters in the numbered squares and write them in the matching squares at the bottom of the page. You will then be able to read an important message about Paul.

1. The city where Paul and Barnabas began their first missionary trip. (*Acts 13:1*)

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2. The city where Paul met a sorcerer who became blind. (*Acts 13:6-11*)

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3. This sorcerer tried to stop Paul from preaching. (*Acts 13:8*)

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4. The office held by Sergius Paulus. (*Acts 13:7*)

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5. The city where people tried to kill Paul by stoning him. (*Acts 14:8, 19*)

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6. The name of the god the people called Barnabas. (*Acts 14:12*)

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7. After visiting Lystra, Paul and Barnabas went to this city. (*Acts 14:20*)

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8. The city Paul and Barnabas visited after returning to Antioch. (*Acts 14:26; 15:2*)

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